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SNUB HIS CHILD

How the Four Hundred Tried to Down George M. Pullman.

Mrs. Stevens' Coming Battle—Daniel S. Lamont's Quarrel with the Army Officers and Its Results—Knickerbockers for Men Coming Again.

(Copyright, 1904.)

Now that the industrial features of the Pullman situation have in a measure passed away, those members of the palace car magnate's family who are so socially ambitious have begun to experience social effects. The two eldest daughters of Mr. Pullman have just become the objects of a social discrimination that was the sensation of the week wherever the Four Hundred of the metropolis while away the ardors of summer.

It seems that at Newport the name of Pullman is not in favor. This is stated to be the result of the social triumphs of the Pullman girls in Vienna not long ago, they having secured an entry into the most exclusive circles of that gay capital after the efforts of the Yznagaras, the Stencuses, the Wetmorens and others had failed. This success was attributed by the envious to the princely prodigality with which George M. Pullman launched the members of his family on the ocean of society abroad. They spent money like water and won the day.

For a long time the fashionables of New York have wished to revenge the prestige of the Pullman young ladies, but to their chagrin they had no opportunity. They were obliged to receive the Pullmans, as George M. only advances those individuals to position in his company who have social influence and can thus further the ambitions of his daughters. But when the strike came and the details connected with it showed apparent distress among the inhabitants of the town of Pullman a scheme of cruel revenge was conceived. A young woman of New York whose father is known from one end of the republic to the other started a subscription for the relief of the destitute in Pullman. All the fashionables who were in the clique subscribed liberally, and quite a sum was thus secured. One member of the Union club is said to have given a sum that ran into three figures.

Meanwhile the Misses Pullman could not be reached by any ordinary means of communication, and as it was the intention of the conspirators that they should be informed of the attack upon them the plan was suggested of sending a request to George M. Pullman himself to subscribe, the request to be accompanied by the names of those who had already given money to the fund. This was done, but no answer was received, either because the magnate did not receive the letter or because he thought it best not to notice it. But the list of names included those of persons at whose house the Pullmans have received social courtesies.

More hostilities were planned than even this, however. The Pullman girls are to be socially ostracized this winter, and those New York young ladies who have been enabled to cut no figure at all in social affairs because their fortunes cannot compare with the wealth of the palace car maker's daughters are repaid with glaze that they do not care to enjoy hospitalities that are wrung out of the wages of Pullman repayers. At Newport this season the name of Pullman is below par, and in New York this winter their social ambitions will be nipped in the bud.

Thus it is transpired that the Pullman strikers in resisting their employer have brought about the leading sensation of New York's Four Hundred, and those who recall the prodigious expenditures of the Pullman girls in making a position for themselves are wondering where they will go now for their dollars.

No Fassetts After All.

One of those last minute rumors which no one is ready to trust and yet which may be true, is the effect that J. J. Sloat Fassetts will not run for governor of New York this fall after all. Most persons wonder why it is that these gubernatorial rumors are set J. Sloat Fassetts.

There is not the shadow of a doubt that the governor elected this fall will be elected for the purpose of a presidential candidate in the next national convention of his party. As the republicans feel that they have such excellent chances it follows that the range of choice is unexpectedly widened, and that the names of men of national fame are mentioned, and that they naturally hesitate to decline even the prospect of such honor as a nomination will bring.

Yet it is curious, too, that all the men named decline to allow consideration of their names. This feature of the situation is alleged to be "moonshine" by the political expert. No matter who the nominee is, declare the sages, he will accept the honor.

This has led to a report on the democratic side. William C. Whitney's refusal to be a candidate is now said to be nominal merely. He will accept a nomination, declare those who pretend to know. Indeed, in spite of all that has transpired it is still whispered that the opposing candidates of their respective parties will be William C. Whitney and Chandler M. Dixon.

Society's New Queen.

This winter will witness the first organized contest for social supremacy in New York that has taken place since the days when the S. Bernheimers, Mrs. Parson Stevens, and Ward McAllister were the leaders of the parties.

It seems that for some time there has been a silent protest by the leaders, as the old aristocracy are called, against the new social power.

Everybody with money who chose to erect a palace on Fifth avenue. The effects of the policy are declared to be painfully evident when New York's society deities visit London and Paris. There being no recognized social power in New York, none is recognized abroad, and the Knickerbockers are forced to be polite in the drawing-rooms of the British aristocracy to people whom they would not even notice in New York.

Now, as it is the habit in London to receive anyone who has made a name in art, literature or other fields of endeavor, it is proposed to follow some such practice here. Therefore, invitations are to be sent to people who heretofore have not been recognized socially by any of the Four Hundred of the Knickerbocker stamp. Such a procedure would injure the prospects of those who have only money to back them and is being resisted by the faction headed by Ward McAllister. Hence, as Mrs. Stevens is determined not to recognize any more newly rich, there is in store for New York a real old time society fight.

One of the tests of the Stevens faction is to be the possession of a coat of arms, while all who have no such boast of heraldy must hasten to provide for themselves with one. The McAllister faction ought to have the best of it, therefore, since money will buy anything—even a coat of arms.

Knickerbockers Again.

The attempts to revive the knickerbocker dress for men is again to be made. Already at Newport the innovation has been seen here and there, but not until the New York season opens will there be anything like a systematic display of silk clad calves by the beaus of Fifth avenue. The idea is largely the result of what has been noticed by traveling New Yorkers in the capitals of Europe. England, particularly, has been having a craze for knickerbockers, and the fashionable tailors display various marvels in that line, no inconsiderable amount of which have already been purchased by their American customers.

The knickerbocker costume requires a dash to set it off, and the phenomenon of the swells of New York attired like boys of seven and eight will serve to edify the unfashionables of the metropolis.

It should not be supposed that all these innovations attract any undignified attention, however. The average New Yorker and the genuine and haughty of the streets would scorn to seem so unhabituated to metropolitan experience as to stare at anything fashionable. It is one of the unviolated rules of "holi polloi," as Congressmen—says, never to gaze at anything out of the way in the dress or equipage of the socially powerful. The New York proletarian would scorn such a thing as staring at a fashionably dressed woman, wherever she might happen to show herself. In this respect the New York "mob" is above the London one, and even that of other American cities.

Lamont's Row.

A difficulty among the army officers stationed in New York has so far received no attention, although it will not be without a certain influence on the fortunes of Daniel S. Lamont. It seems that certain differences of opinion arose between the present secretary of war and members of the various corps with reference to the discipline maintained among the troops. Mr. Lamont is declared to have said that certain tactics were either not what they should be in point of accuracy, or at least below the average.

The report was of such a nature that the officer who received it, felt decidedly aggrieved. He communicated with his brother officers, with the result that when Mr. Lamont went upon his recent tour of the army posts all the colonels and captains were found to have entered into a tacit agreement to annoy the secretary as much as they could. Mr. Lamont came back to Washington with a distinct sense of personal injury.

It seems that the army men believe that the secretary meddles with matters concerning which he knows absolutely nothing. He undertakes to tell veterans of the Indian wars what they should do in the way of drill, and shows that he has never looked inside a drill book himself. This action of his is declared to needlessly humiliate the officers before them.

As it is the military boys have become decidedly at odds with Mr. Lamont. He has occasion to reverse their decisions with surprising frequency, and gradually the whole army is becoming curious as to who will be the victor in the silent controversy that has arisen.

Footnote—Wonder what's come over Flipple. He used to be fearfully conceited. Thought he knew everything. But he's quite different lately.

Willmot—Yes, his youngsters have begun taking lessons in grammar, and study it at home in the evenings.—Answers.

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BLACK CITY NOW

Breezes from the Metropolis on the Lake.

Laws That Go Up in Smoke—Debs' Denial—Chicago's Tiger and the Mayor—The Two Million Club—Ruins of the Fair.

(Copyright, 1904.)

That Chicago is a unique city has never been disputed. Its city officials do many queer things. Some remind one of the misdeeds of Tammany; others bear a close resemblance to the actions of the honorable, the town council of Podunk. One of the funniest incidents of municipal misgovernment came to light when the chief smoke inspector addressed a spirited communication to the board of education requesting the latter body to abate the smoke nuisance forthwith. For several years the smoke inspector has prosecuted